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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: DCI Briefing of CIA Subcommittees of Senate Armed Services and Senate Appropriations Committees -
29 October 1963 - 10:00 a.m.

1. The Director met with the CIA Subcommittees of Senate Armed Services and Senate Appropriations Committees. Senators present were:

Richard B. Russell
Leverett Saltonstall
John Stennis
Milton R. Young

From the Committee staff: William Darden.
Accompanying the Director were:

Albert D. Wheelon
Ray S. Cline
James Critchfield
John S. Warner

There was a technical sweep of the room and no transcript was taken. The meeting consumed about 2 1/2 hours. The briefing went generally in accord with the attached agenda.

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EARLY RETIREMENT - H. R. 8427

2. The Director pointed out that our retirement bill, H. R. 8427, after having been cleared unanimously by the House Armed Services Committee and through Rules Committee, was going to be voted on in the House tomorrow afternoon. The Director voiced his hope that the Senate would be able to consider this matter this year.

a. The Director stated this was an improved retirement system for CIA basically patterned after the Foreign Service system. Senator Russell inquired how many people would be covered. Mr. Warner indicated it was estimated that a maximum of 30 per cent of the total personnel would be covered and would be those who were actively engaged in the conduct or support of intelligence activities abroad.

b. Senator Russell expressed his view that it should be clear that a future director would not have the ability to extend this retirement to basically headquarters-type personnel. Senator Russell then asked that he be provided with full information on this including the numbers and types of people to be covered indicating that if necessary a hearing could be held in the near future. I promised to give him a full package of material on this.

c. Senator Saltonstall then raised the problem that such a bill on the Senate floor would provide the opportunity for basic changes in the Agency setup and its relationship with the Congress by means of amendments which would establish a separate committee for intelligence matters or establish another method for budgeting. Russell agreed that this is a matter which should have very careful consideration.

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